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1. QUESTION OF WHETHER USG SHOULD ALLOW HOST COUNTRY JOURNALISTS  
TO VISIT DIEGO GARCIA DOES NOT ARISE IN BURMA SINCE THERE IS

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NO POSSIBILITY GUB WOULD ALLOW BURMESE JOURNALISTS TO LEAVE BURMA

FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. ON GENERAL QUESTION OF DESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING JOURNALISTS TO VISIT DIEGO GARCIA, SUCH VISITS WOULD HAVE NEITHER HELPFUL NOR PARTICULARLY HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES HERE. AS NOTED IN REF B, GUB INTEREST IN DIEGO GARCIA IS NOT GREAT, AND SUCH SUPPORT AS GUB GIVES TO ZONE OF PEACE SCHEME REPRESENTS PASSIVE POLICY OF GOING ALONG WITH INDIA AND OTHER SPONSORS TO MINIMUM DEGREE NECESSARY. HENCE, PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS RELATED TO DIEGO GARCIA WOULD PROBABLY SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE HERE.

3. IF, HOWEVER, USG DECIDES TO ALLOW JOURNALIST VISITS TO DIEGO GARCIA, ACCURATE REPORTING BY RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISTS (WHICH GOVERNMENT-OWNED BURMESE PRESS WOULD PROBABLY CARRY BUT NOT PLAY UP) WOULD DO NO PARTICULAR HARM TO US-BURMESE RELATIONS AND MIGHT REINFORCE THE VIEWS OF THOSE BURMESE ALREADY PREDISPOSED TO PRIVATELY ENDORSE OUR DIEGO GARCIA POLICY.  
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